

**A Confederate Soldier Writes.**

Washington,  
Beaufort Co., N. C.,  
Sept. 26, 1901.

Mr. E. J. Holt,  
Smithfield, N. C.

MY DEAR COMRADE AND BRO.—  
Your intensely interesting and  
thrice welcomed letter of the 23d  
inst. to hand.

Since reading and re-reading  
the same I have been surprised  
that you and I have been silent  
so long. I am more than delight-  
ed that you have broken the  
silence and that we may hear  
more of each other hereafter.

As to the history of the North  
Carolina Regiments that Judge  
Clark is editing, I am looking  
forward with much interest for  
the forthcoming of every volume,  
and if obtainable shall give them  
a conspicuous place in my  
library.

You wrote me in reference to  
data you had given Judge Clark  
for our battalion. Some time  
last year Fletcher Parker, of En-  
field, wrote me for some facts as  
I could remember them. I also  
sent him my photograph with  
money sufficient to have it copied  
and put in the volume containing  
the history of our battalion and  
requested him to forward the  
same to Raleigh. I have never  
heard whether he sent it or not;  
I presume he did.

The long intervening years of a  
busy life have swept away the  
memory of many incidents in  
which you and I were actors. I  
find it most difficult to recall but  
few, and even then cannot marsh-  
al them in order.

Our company, "G," enlisted  
September 3, 1862, with Jesse A.  
Clement as captain. Your hum-  
ble servant was orderly sergeant  
when we first went out, and we  
were a part of the Seventh Con-  
federate Cavalry with Claiborn  
Col., Taliaferro Lieut. Col., Cla-  
born Maj., Haden Adjt., Moore  
Sergt. Maj. I saw Haden shot  
in our fight at Blacks and Whites  
station, the ball entering his  
breast and passing clear through  
him. I never saw him again.

When we entered the army we  
did not remain long in North  
Carolina but went to Virginia and  
did picket duty on Blackwater  
river, and at Franklin in an en-  
gagement I saw my first dead  
Confederate soldier. We were  
under General Roger A. Prior.  
An artillery duel occurred here  
and we were shelled most terribly.  
Early in 1863 we were at Kinston  
under General Martin, (one arm)  
a rigid disciplinarian, although  
he failed to discover on one occa-  
sion that I, an orderly sergeant,  
did not have on a cartridge box.

Later we were with General Robert-  
son near Washington when  
General Hill laid siege to Wash-  
ington. Later we were with Gen-  
eral Clingman when he made a  
movement against Suffolk. This  
was the first time we came in  
contact with negro troops. They  
got seven of our men of whom we  
have never heard. My impression  
is that one of them was Turner,  
a brother or kinsman of Lieut.  
Governor Turner, a noble, brave  
fellow.

We were at Blount's Creek Mills,  
ten miles below Washington, N. C.,  
when General Pettigrew re-  
pulsed General Spinola on his  
way to Washington, N. C.

In July, when General Potter  
made his raid on Rocky Mount  
and Tarboro, part of our regi-  
ment pursued him and by a mis-  
taken movement at Scuffletton  
Potter got away. Capt. Barret's  
company was there, I think, at  
the bridge. At this time we were  
under General Martin, a brother-  
in-law to General Potter.

In May 1864, I think we were  
ordered back to Virginia, and  
reaching Petersburg met the ad-  
vance of Butler's army, here we  
repeatedly came in contact with  
Spear's cavalry. I think it was  
in May also that our battalion  
was at Port Walthall Junction  
where we were engaged on the  
turnpike road. I think we were  
with Whitney's division at this  
time; I remember we were ordered  
one night to reconnoitre and rode  
to the rear of the Yankee camp. I  
never expected to get back. Well  
we were armed with double-barrel  
shot guns and threw 16 buck-  
shot at a load. In an engage-  
ment on the turnpike on horse  
back my horse was shot twice  
and Maj. Claiborn who was stand-  
ing by me ordered me to take my  
horse to the rear; I got half mile  
to the rear and an elegant Vir-  
ginia lady allowed me to turn  
my wounded horse in a clover  
field, gave me a basin and rags  
to bathe his wounds. While I  
was doing this a boy came from  
the house and brought a goblet  
with julep in it. I had never drank  
a drop of spirits in my life, but I  
was hungry, tired, mad and pow-  
der burnt, I drank it, and in two  
seconds I wanted to go back to

the front and kill the fellow that  
shot my horse. Well, that was  
my first and last julep. We fought  
Spear's cavalry here and Gen.  
Dearing was slightly wounded.

In June 1864 our battalion,  
under General W. H. F. Lee fol-  
lowed Wilson and Kautz. In June  
1864 when Grant changed his  
base to the southside of James  
river, General Smith, with about  
16,000 men, moved forward.  
Graham's battery and our caval-  
ry with Dearing held him in check  
as long as we could and we had  
to withdraw after severe fighting  
within the main works.

In August we were at Ream's  
Station; we were in the battle of  
White Oak road also Gravelly  
run, here I thought I would freeze  
to death in the sleet, here we had  
no rations and I picked up corn  
where horses had formerly been  
fed and parched it.

October 27th we fought at Bur-  
gess Mills, 1865 Chamberlain's  
run, Five Forks.

On February 21st, 1865, Gen-  
eral Roberts was promoted and  
took charge of us.

I was appointed Ordinance  
Sergeant at Bellfield by General  
Dearing.

Well, do you remember that at  
the surrender at Appomattox  
when we left the bull pen you and  
I were riding together and pass-  
ing by the apple tree (from which  
General Lee went to the McLean  
house to surrender) on the side  
of the road you reached up and  
broke off a limb from the tree,  
and breaking the limb you gave  
me part of it. I have part of  
that limb now, only a small piece,  
which I prize very highly. I also  
have my parole signed by you. I  
carried it in my purse for thirty  
years. I now have it nicely framed  
and my wife keeps it in her Con-  
federate corner in the parlor. I  
guess Judge Clark will have a  
copy of some paroles in his books.  
Gold would not buy mine.

Well, when the war closed I  
went back to Chapel Hill to finish  
my education, then entered the  
ministry, traveled 15 years, mar-  
ried in Washington; have settled  
here and getting along comfort-  
ably; have no children living;  
my wife is a great Confederate,  
goes to the conventions, is now  
getting ready to go to Charlotte  
also to Wilmington. She is a  
delegate to both. Let me hear  
from you again soon. God bless  
you.

Your Old Comrade and Bro.,  
W. H. CALL.

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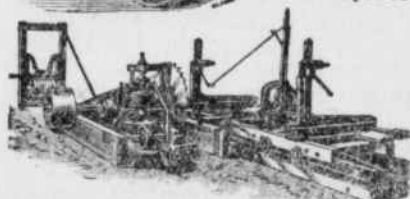
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